Statement

Details of financial assistance provided to the projects in Andhra Pradesh under different schemes during 2003-04 and 2004-05

(Rs. in lakh)

Plan Schemes / Year	Infrastructure Development	Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ expansion of FPI	Backward & Forward Integration & other Promotional Activities	Human Resource Develop-ment
2003-04	—	465.57	10.17	51.00
2004-05	3.39	797.67	2.27	—

Non-essential and hazardous drugs

356. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Macro-Economics and Health have identified 10 popular medicines like Becosule, Digene, Combiflam, Evion, Revital etc. being irrational, non-essential and hazardous;

(b) if so, whether Government laboratories would be asked to make random investigation on two to three such medicines with a view to maintaining the faith or otherwise of the existing users; and

(c) if so, what is the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. The report of the National Commission on Macro-Economic and Health has not made any such specific observations. A background paper on access of essential drugs and medicines written by Dr. S. Sakthivel for the National Commission on Macro-Economics and Health has made certain comments

regarding irrationality of 10 branded products commonly prescribed/used in the country. None of these products are, however, hazardous and their rationality also appears to be acceptable in the context of their intended use.

(b) and (c) The Government laboratories are required to test quality of drugs. As such no allegation or apprehension has been expressed in the background paper with regard to the quality of these drugs. However, there is a system for reviewing of drugs suspected to be irrational or harmful.

Amendment of Drugs and Magic Remedies Act

357. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move in Ministry to amend the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act to make illegal any advertisement for unvalidated cures for medical conditions by any medical practitioner; and

(b) if so, the details of the move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ambit of Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 is envisaged to be enlarged to cover the advertisements offering treatment, in respect of certain diseases or offering to alter certain functions of human body, for the purpose of exercising control over advertisements for invalidated cures for medical conditions by medical practitioners.

Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan

358. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, while launching National Rural Health Mission, the Planning Commission has proposed a Sarva Swasthya Abhiyan (Health for All) along the lines of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Education for All);